

Nation. Today we thank dads everywhere for all they do, throughout the year, for our families and country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, in accordance with a joint resolution of the Congress approved April 24, 1972 (36 U.S.C. 142a), do hereby proclaim Sunday, June 17, 1990, as Father's Day. I invite the States and communities and people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies as a mark of appreciation and abiding affection for their fathers. I direct government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Federal Government buildings, and I urge all Americans to display the flag at their homes and other suitable places on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fourteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

#### **Proclamation 6148 of June 15, 1990**

#### **National Scleroderma Awareness Week, 1990**

*By the President of the United States of America*

##### *A Proclamation*

Scleroderma is a painful and often progressive connective tissue disease that can result in serious debilitation and even death. This disease, whose name literally means "hard skin," is marked by the excess production of collagen, the main fibrous component of connective tissue. This overproduction of collagen causes the skin to harden and thicken and may adversely affect internal organs such as the heart, lungs, and kidneys as well. Victims who suffer from thickening of the esophagus may have difficulty swallowing solid food.

The course of the disease varies among individuals, and it may strike at any age. However, scleroderma usually affects people during their working years. Today thousands of Americans, most of them women, have scleroderma. Its impact in terms of physical and emotional suffering and financial loss is enormous.

Although the cause of scleroderma has not been identified, physicians and scientists have gained a greater understanding of the disease. Today there is reason to hope that improved methods of diagnosis and treatment will one day eliminate scleroderma as a cause of distress among individuals and their families. Determined to advance the fight against scleroderma, many governmental, scientific, and voluntary health organizations are working together to promote education and research in this field.

To increase public awareness of scleroderma and to recognize the importance of ongoing research into this disease, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 516, has designated the week beginning June 10, 1990, as "National Scleroderma Awareness Week" and has authorized and

requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this occasion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week beginning June 10, 1990, as National Scleroderma Awareness Week. I urge all government agencies and the people of the United States, as well as educational, philanthropic, scientific, and health care organizations and professionals, to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

**Proclamation 6149 of June 21, 1990**

**National Sheriffs' Week, 1990**

*By the President of the United States of America  
A Proclamation*

This year, the National Sheriffs' Association marks half a century of service to law enforcement officials and to the American public. Incorporated on September 26, 1940, in the State of Ohio, the Association was established to form and perpetuate an efficient organization of the sheriffs of the United States and to raise the level of professionalism in the office of the sheriff, among sheriffs' deputies, and among other law enforcement personnel.

The National Sheriffs' Association educates the public on law enforcement issues and maintains training programs for its members. It also represents the interests of sheriffs and other law enforcement officials before the executive and legislative branches of the Federal Government, as well as at the State and local levels of government.

Today the organization represents more than 26,000 city and county law enforcement officials nationwide, including more than 1,700 sheriffs. It is a leader in the Nation's law enforcement community.

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the National Sheriffs' Association and in honor of all those individuals who serve their fellow Americans as sheriffs, the Congress, by S.J. Res. 264, has designated the week of June 24 through June 30, 1990, as "National Sheriffs' Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of June 24 through June 30, 1990, as National Sheriffs' Week. I call upon the people of the United States to honor all sheriffs during the week for their courageous and dedicated efforts to preserve the rule of law and ensure domestic tranquility.